

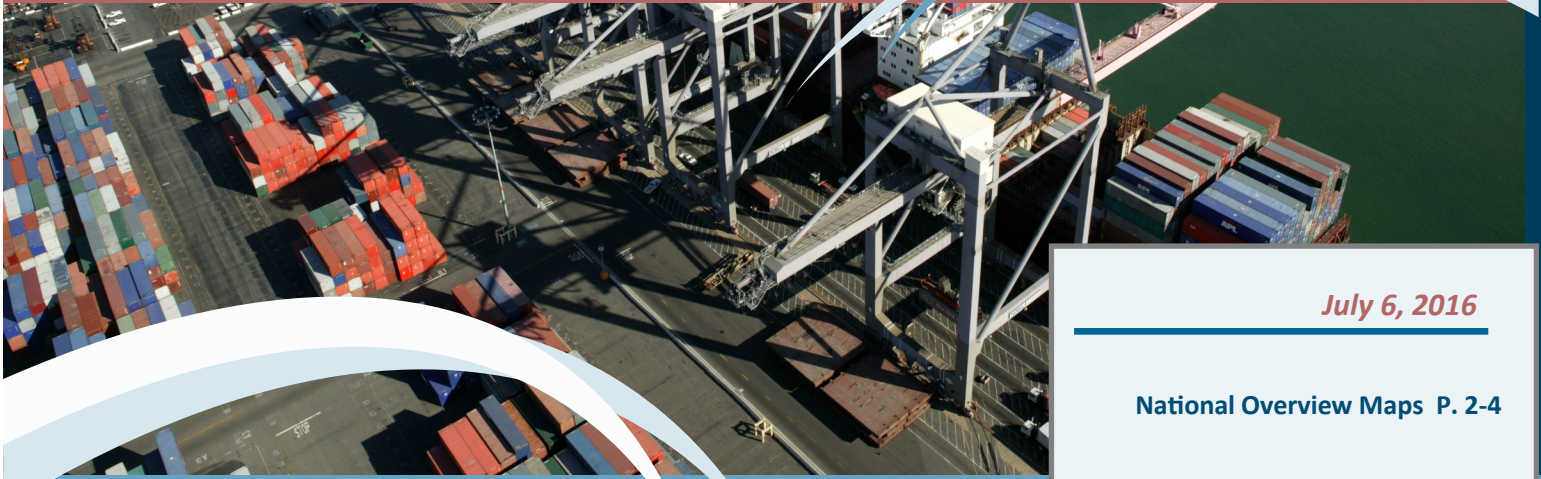


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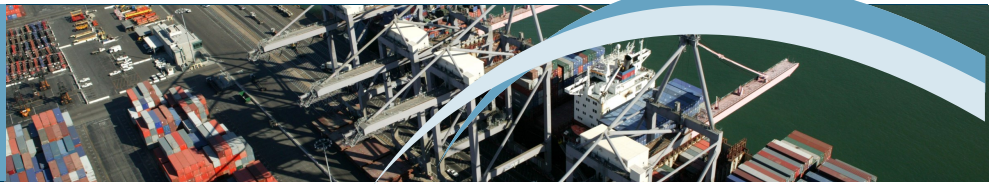
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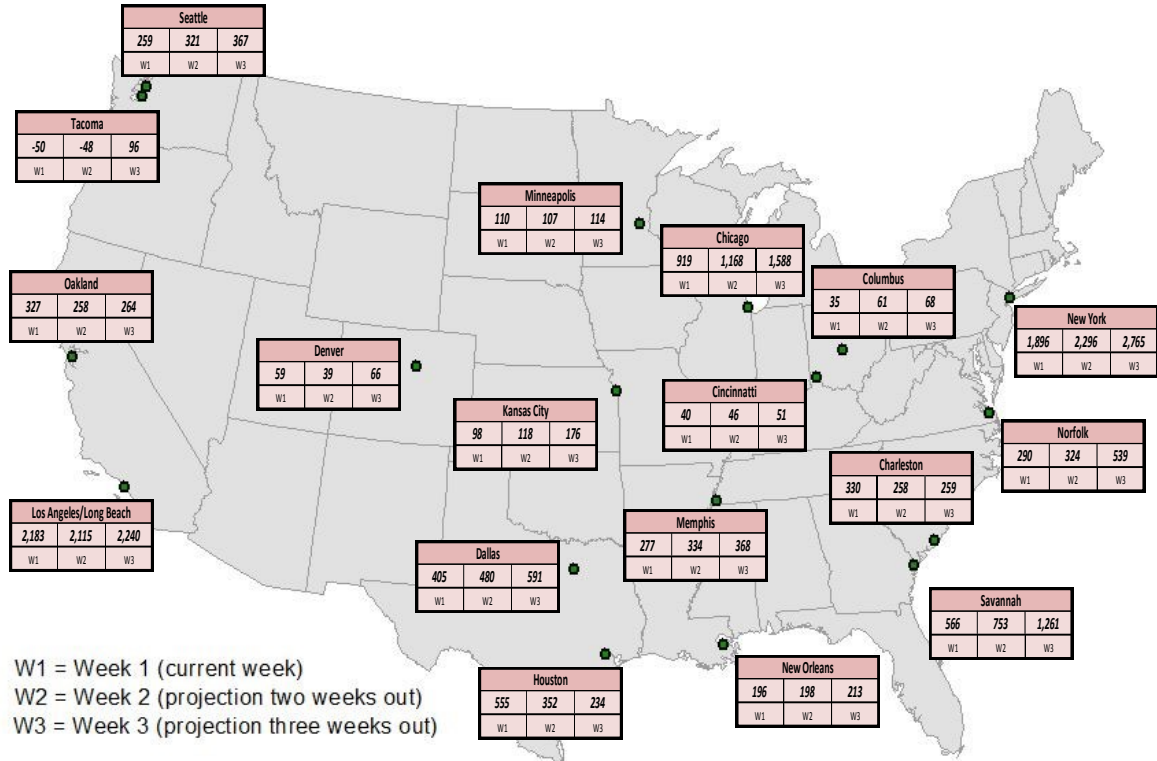
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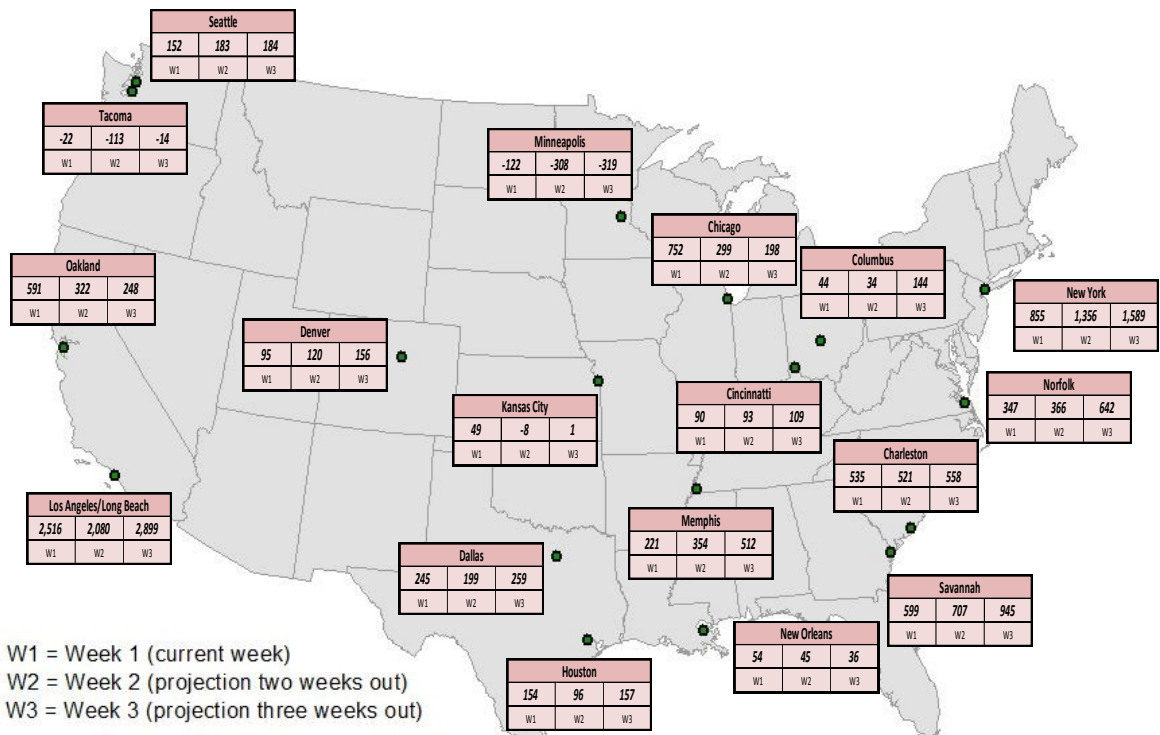
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Weekly Availability for 20ft Dry Containers



Weekly Availability for 40ft Dry Containers

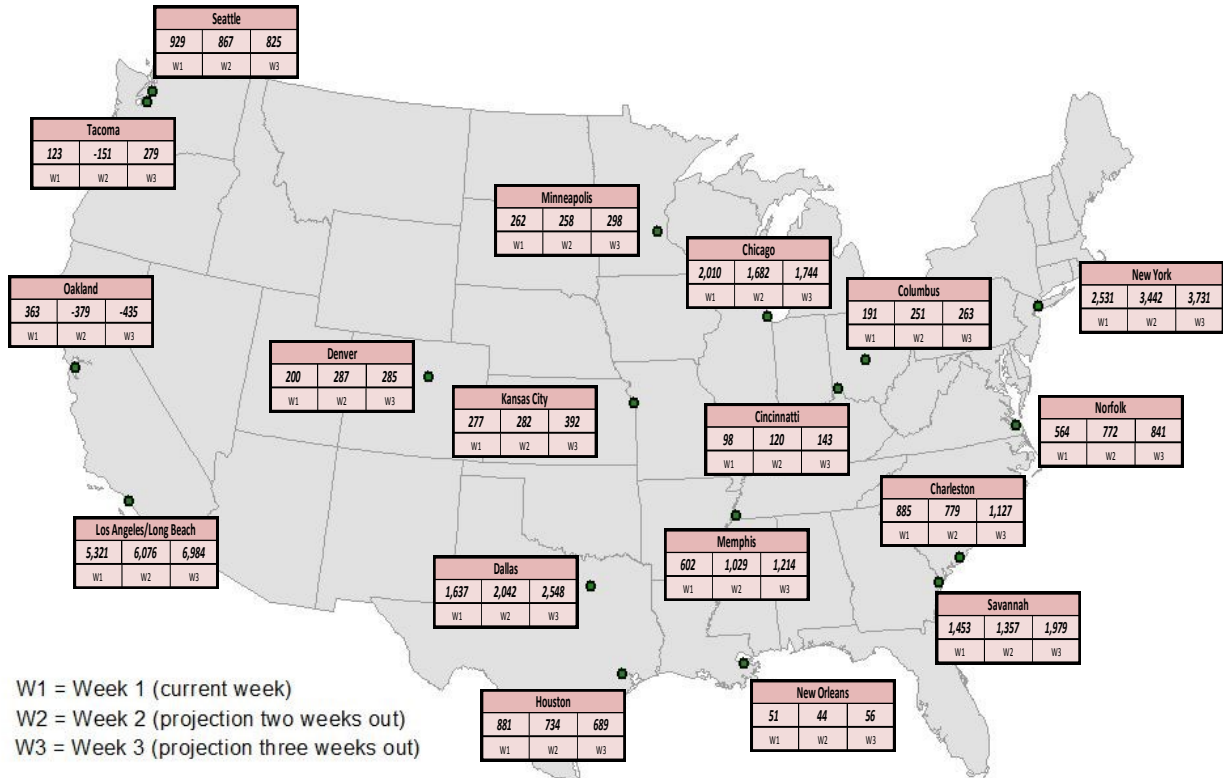


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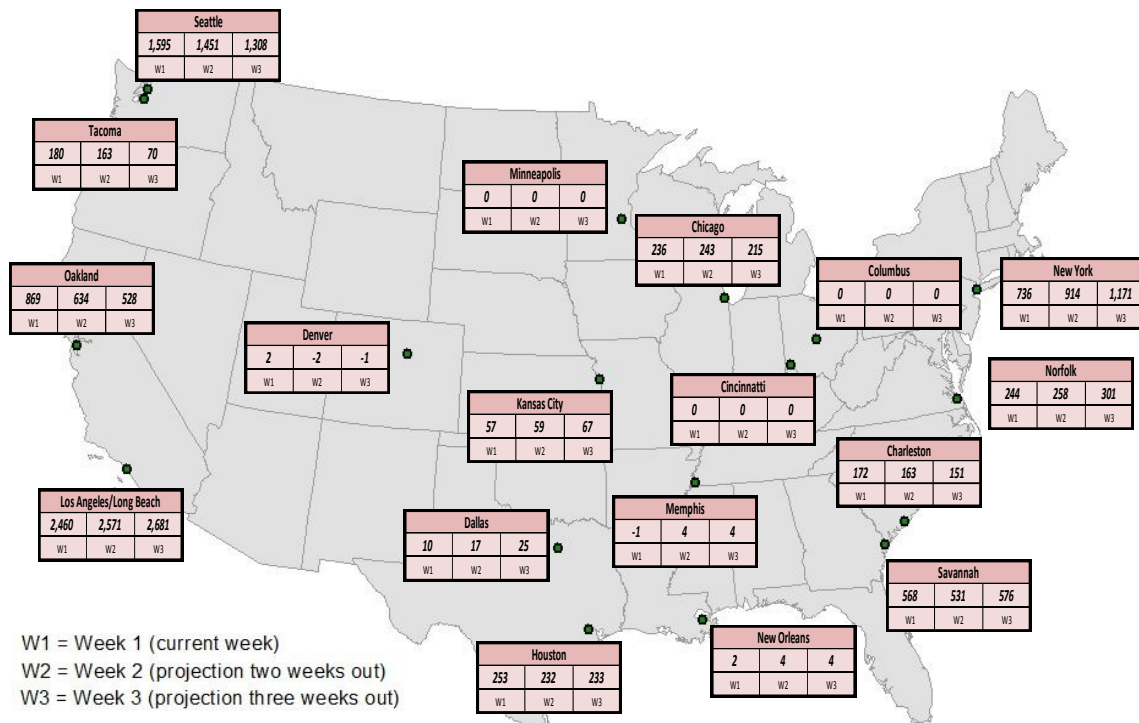
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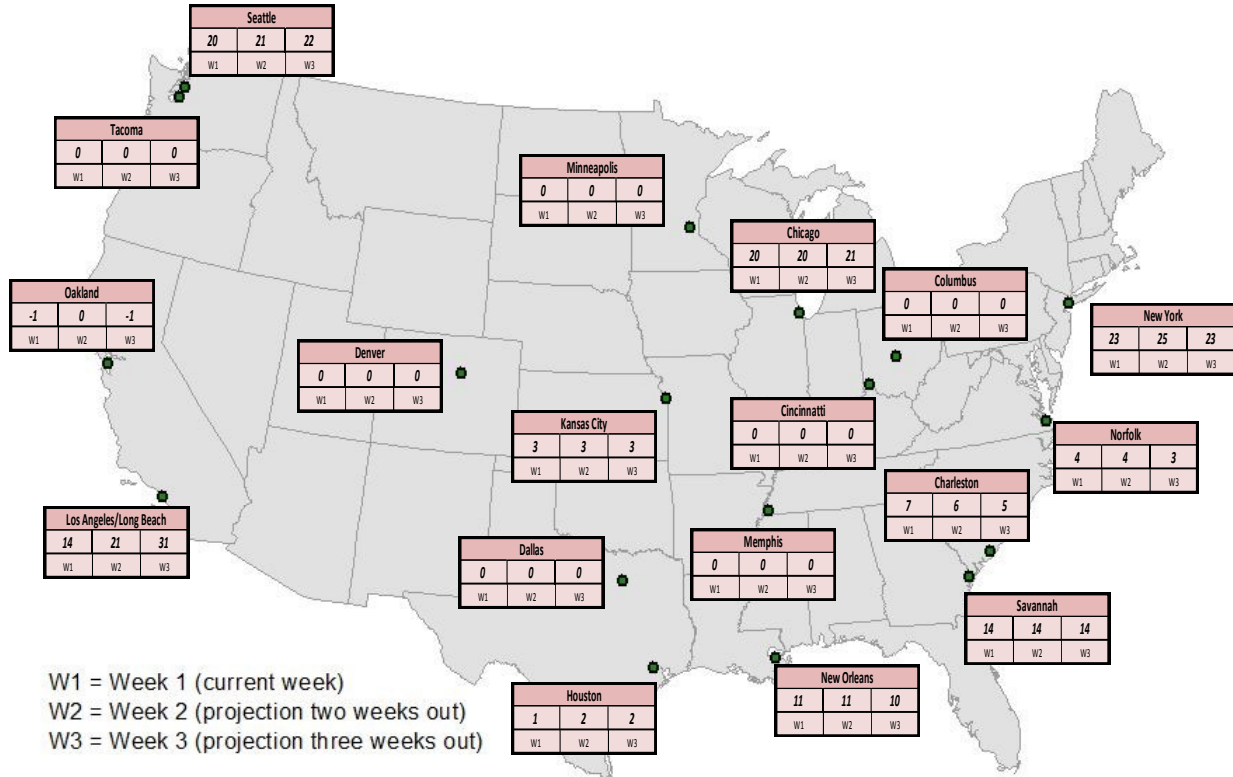


Weekly Availability for 40ft Refrigerated Containers





Weekly Availability for 20ft Refrigerated Containers





Charleston						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	157	100	44	29	.	330
Week 2: Jul 13-19	125	50	47	36	.	258
Week 3: Jul 20-26	118	50	65	26	.	259
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	135	100	83	14	.	332
Week 2: Jul 13-19	93	100	103	29	.	325
Week 3: Jul 20-26	93	150	140	48	.	431
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	265	252	218	150	.	885
Week 2: Jul 13-19	287	234	108	150	.	779
Week 3: Jul 20-26	334	325	268	200	.	1,127
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	127	23	20	2	.	172
Week 2: Jul 13-19	125	13	20	5	.	163
Week 3: Jul 20-26	128	8	20	-5	.	151
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	7	.	.	.	.	7
Week 2: Jul 13-19	6	.	.	.	.	6
Week 3: Jul 20-26	5	.	.	.	.	5

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.



Chicago						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	473	302	100	44	.	919
Week 2: Jul 13-19	629	378	150	11	.	1,168
Week 3: Jul 20-26	782	679	150	-23	.	1,588
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	300	261	143	48	.	752
Week 2: Jul 13-19	250	232	-165	-18	.	299
Week 3: Jul 20-26	250	404	-448	-8	.	198
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	1,226	350	276	158	.	2,010
Week 2: Jul 13-19	1,531	350	-175	-24	.	1,682
Week 3: Jul 20-26	1,608	300	-118	-46	.	1,744
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	186	50	0	.	.	236
Week 2: Jul 13-19	193	50	0	.	.	243
Week 3: Jul 20-26	165	50	0	.	.	215
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	20	20
Week 2: Jul 13-19	20	20
Week 3: Jul 20-26	21	21

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Cincinnati						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	33	5	2	.	.	40
Week 2: Jul 13-19	43	5	2	-4	.	46
Week 3: Jul 20-26	56	5	1	-11	.	51
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	52	24	15	-1	.	90
Week 2: Jul 13-19	57	23	15	-2	.	93
Week 3: Jul 20-26	61	32	20	-4	.	109
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	79	9	5	5	.	98
Week 2: Jul 13-19	106	5	5	4	.	120
Week 3: Jul 20-26	136	-2	5	4	.	143
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	0	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Jul 13-19	0	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Jul 20-26	0	.	.	.	.	0
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	0
Week 2: Jul 13-19	0
Week 3: Jul 20-26	0

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Columbus						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	24	11	10	-10	.	35
Week 2: Jul 13-19	39	12	10	0	.	61
Week 3: Jul 20-26	40	18	10	0	.	68
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	52	5	0	-13	.	44
Week 2: Jul 13-19	81	5	13	-65	.	34
Week 3: Jul 20-26	117	10	22	-5	.	144
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	158	18	10	5	.	191
Week 2: Jul 13-19	219	16	11	5	.	251
Week 3: Jul 20-26	278	-4	-16	5	.	263
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	0	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Jul 13-19	0	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Jul 20-26	0	.	.	.	.	0
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	0
Week 2: Jul 13-19	0
Week 3: Jul 20-26	0

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Dallas						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	143	110	102	50	.	405
Week 2: Jul 13-19	208	111	111	50	.	480
Week 3: Jul 20-26	250	149	142	50	.	591
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	105	86	50	4	.	245
Week 2: Jul 13-19	46	147	50	-44	.	199
Week 3: Jul 20-26	65	146	50	-2	.	259
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	562	462	453	160	.	1,637
Week 2: Jul 13-19	890	331	521	300	.	2,042
Week 3: Jul 20-26	1,088	438	722	300	.	2,548
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	10	0	.	.	.	10
Week 2: Jul 13-19	17	0	.	.	.	17
Week 3: Jul 20-26	25	0	.	.	.	25
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	0
Week 2: Jul 13-19	0
Week 3: Jul 20-26	0

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Denver						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	30	15	11	3	.	59
Week 2: Jul 13-19	31	10	12	-14	.	39
Week 3: Jul 20-26	37	10	18	1	.	66
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	78	14	10	-7	.	95
Week 2: Jul 13-19	97	21	10	-8	.	120
Week 3: Jul 20-26	112	23	20	1	.	156
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	117	32	30	21	.	200
Week 2: Jul 13-19	170	66	30	21	.	287
Week 3: Jul 20-26	213	30	20	22	.	285
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	2	0	.	.	.	2
Week 2: Jul 13-19	-2	0	.	.	.	-2
Week 3: Jul 20-26	-1	0	.	.	.	-1
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	0
Week 2: Jul 13-19	0
Week 3: Jul 20-26	0

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Houston						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	400	150	33	-28	.	555
Week 2: Jul 13-19	250	116	13	-27	.	352
Week 3: Jul 20-26	150	85	20	-21	.	234
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	100	26	23	5	.	154
Week 2: Jul 13-19	100	7	13	-24	.	96
Week 3: Jul 20-26	200	1	-59	15	.	157
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	550	260	56	15	.	881
Week 2: Jul 13-19	350	290	68	26	.	734
Week 3: Jul 20-26	250	318	86	35	.	689
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	200	53	0	.	.	253
Week 2: Jul 13-19	150	82	0	.	.	232
Week 3: Jul 20-26	150	83	0	.	.	233
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	1	1
Week 2: Jul 13-19	2	2
Week 3: Jul 20-26	2	2

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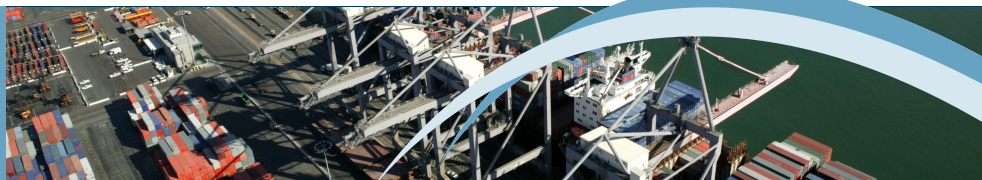
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20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	59	25	8	6	.	98
Week 2: Jul 13-19	78	25	12	3	.	118
Week 3: Jul 20-26	132	25	19	0	.	176
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	30	10	7	2	.	49
Week 2: Jul 13-19	-35	20	8	-1	.	-8
Week 3: Jul 20-26	-32	30	3	0	.	1
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	202	40	36	-1	.	277
Week 2: Jul 13-19	198	50	33	1	.	282
Week 3: Jul 20-26	296	50	45	1	.	392
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	57	0	.	.	.	57
Week 2: Jul 13-19	59	0	.	.	.	59
Week 3: Jul 20-26	67	0	.	.	.	67
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	3	3
Week 2: Jul 13-19	3	3
Week 3: Jul 20-26	3	3

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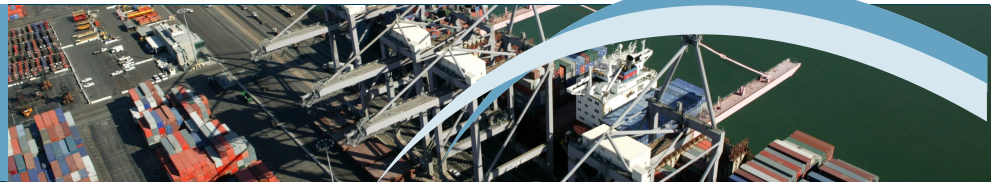
Los Angeles and Long Beach						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	916	564	403	300	.	2,183
Week 2: Jul 13-19	1,187	641	-63	350	.	2,115
Week 3: Jul 20-26	604	833	403	400	.	2,240
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	684	617	615	600	.	2,516
Week 2: Jul 13-19	529	802	149	600	.	2,080
Week 3: Jul 20-26	426	1,201	672	600	.	2,899
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	1,563	1,459	1,199	1,100	.	5,321
Week 2: Jul 13-19	2,153	601	1,822	1,500	.	6,076
Week 3: Jul 20-26	3,245	1,323	916	1,500	.	6,984
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	1,204	550	442	264	.	2,460
Week 2: Jul 13-19	1,265	550	457	299	.	2,571
Week 3: Jul 20-26	1,401	600	431	249	.	2,681
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	14	0	.	.	.	14
Week 2: Jul 13-19	21	21
Week 3: Jul 20-26	31	31

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Memphis						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	120	100	57	0	.	277
Week 2: Jul 13-19	156	100	72	6	.	334
Week 3: Jul 20-26	184	100	77	7	.	368
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	97	78	50	-4	.	221
Week 2: Jul 13-19	227	90	50	-13	.	354
Week 3: Jul 20-26	345	86	100	-19	.	512
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	311	150	127	14	.	602
Week 2: Jul 13-19	582	200	213	34	.	1,029
Week 3: Jul 20-26	804	200	253	-43	.	1,214
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	0	-1	.	.	.	-1
Week 2: Jul 13-19	0	4	.	.	.	4
Week 3: Jul 20-26	0	4	.	.	.	4
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	0
Week 2: Jul 13-19	0
Week 3: Jul 20-26	0

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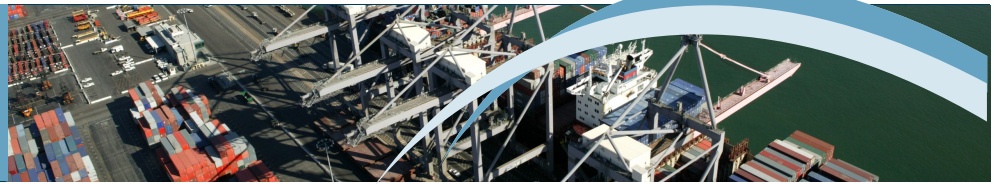
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20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	101	30	-21	.	.	110
Week 2: Jul 13-19	102	30	1	-26	.	107
Week 3: Jul 20-26	115	30	5	-36	.	114
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	88	20	-76	-154	.	-122
Week 2: Jul 13-19	77	20	-134	-271	.	-308
Week 3: Jul 20-26	62	20	-169	-232	.	-319
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	142	63	42	15	.	262
Week 2: Jul 13-19	158	52	28	20	.	258
Week 3: Jul 20-26	158	76	44	20	.	298
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	0	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Jul 13-19	0	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Jul 20-26	0	.	.	.	.	0
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	0
Week 2: Jul 13-19	0
Week 3: Jul 20-26	0

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New Orleans						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	167	24	5	0	.	196
Week 2: Jul 13-19	185	8	5	0	.	198
Week 3: Jul 20-26	202	6	5	0	.	213
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	42	8	5	-1	.	54
Week 2: Jul 13-19	36	4	5	0	.	45
Week 3: Jul 20-26	34	-3	5	0	.	36
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	23	18	10	0	.	51
Week 2: Jul 13-19	20	14	10	0	.	44
Week 3: Jul 20-26	23	23	10	0	.	56
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	2	0	.	.	.	2
Week 2: Jul 13-19	4	0	.	.	.	4
Week 3: Jul 20-26	4	0	.	.	.	4
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	11	11
Week 2: Jul 13-19	11	11
Week 3: Jul 20-26	10	10

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New York						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	1,094	455	197	150	.	1,896
Week 2: Jul 13-19	932	706	458	200	.	2,296
Week 3: Jul 20-26	1,153	920	492	200	.	2,765
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	451	200	123	81	.	855
Week 2: Jul 13-19	600	250	164	342	.	1,356
Week 3: Jul 20-26	814	300	223	252	.	1,589
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	1,058	673	500	300	.	2,531
Week 2: Jul 13-19	1,401	1,098	543	400	.	3,442
Week 3: Jul 20-26	1,656	1,124	551	400	.	3,731
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	356	150	133	97	.	736
Week 2: Jul 13-19	512	150	196	56	.	914
Week 3: Jul 20-26	632	150	303	86	.	1,171
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	23	.	.	.	.	23
Week 2: Jul 13-19	25	.	.	.	.	25
Week 3: Jul 20-26	23	.	.	.	.	23

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.



Norfolk						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	100	96	55	39	.	290
Week 2: Jul 13-19	100	110	86	28	.	324
Week 3: Jul 20-26	300	147	74	18	.	539
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	162	125	40	20	.	347
Week 2: Jul 13-19	169	100	-3	100	.	366
Week 3: Jul 20-26	203	110	129	200	.	642
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	242	240	100	-18	.	564
Week 2: Jul 13-19	274	271	200	27	.	772
Week 3: Jul 20-26	318	276	200	47	.	841
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	116	93	30	5	.	244
Week 2: Jul 13-19	113	103	30	12	.	258
Week 3: Jul 20-26	111	78	100	12	.	301
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	4	.	.	.	.	4
Week 2: Jul 13-19	4	.	.	.	.	4
Week 3: Jul 20-26	3	.	.	.	.	3

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.



Oakland						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	118	100	76	33	.	327
Week 2: Jul 13-19	18	50	70	120	.	258
Week 3: Jul 20-26	28	100	91	45	.	264
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	275	200	89	27	.	591
Week 2: Jul 13-19	246	150	2	-76	.	322
Week 3: Jul 20-26	271	200	6	-229	.	248
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	450	345	234	-666	.	363
Week 2: Jul 13-19	400	131	-26	-884	.	-379
Week 3: Jul 20-26	400	176	-306	-705	.	-435
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	350	314	183	22	.	869
Week 2: Jul 13-19	300	214	95	25	.	634
Week 3: Jul 20-26	300	193	50	-15	.	528
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	-1	-1
Week 2: Jul 13-19	0
Week 3: Jul 20-26	-1	-1

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Savannah						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	200	126	125	115	.	566
Week 2: Jul 13-19	200	189	232	132	.	753
Week 3: Jul 20-26	200	288	300	473	.	1,261
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	333	290	150	-174	.	599
Week 2: Jul 13-19	351	301	200	-145	.	707
Week 3: Jul 20-26	496	379	200	-130	.	945
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	642	450	191	170	.	1,453
Week 2: Jul 13-19	649	400	264	44	.	1,357
Week 3: Jul 20-26	963	300	369	347	.	1,979
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	300	145	104	19	.	568
Week 2: Jul 13-19	250	160	115	6	.	531
Week 3: Jul 20-26	250	158	148	20	.	576
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	14	.	.	.	.	14
Week 2: Jul 13-19	14	.	.	.	.	14
Week 3: Jul 20-26	14	.	.	.	.	14

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.



Seattle						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	150	130	-21	.	.	259
Week 2: Jul 13-19	150	189	-18	.	.	321
Week 3: Jul 20-26	150	245	-28	.	.	367
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	75	73	4	.	.	152
Week 2: Jul 13-19	100	77	6	.	.	183
Week 3: Jul 20-26	100	70	14	.	.	184
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	700	211	18	.	.	929
Week 2: Jul 13-19	700	176	-9	.	.	867
Week 3: Jul 20-26	700	162	-37	.	.	825
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	1,068	500	27	.	.	1,595
Week 2: Jul 13-19	923	500	28	.	.	1,451
Week 3: Jul 20-26	777	500	31	.	.	1,308
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	20	.	.	.	.	20
Week 2: Jul 13-19	21	.	.	.	.	21
Week 3: Jul 20-26	22	.	.	.	.	22

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.



Tacoma						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	51	40	-141	.	.	-50
Week 2: Jul 13-19	79	40	-167	.	.	-48
Week 3: Jul 20-26	171	40	-115	.	.	96
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	64	40	-126	.	.	-22
Week 2: Jul 13-19	3	50	-166	.	.	-113
Week 3: Jul 20-26	58	50	-122	.	.	-14
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	529	25	-431	.	.	123
Week 2: Jul 13-19	402	100	-653	.	.	-151
Week 3: Jul 20-26	500	100	-321	.	.	279
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	124	36	20	.	.	180
Week 2: Jul 13-19	143	0	20	.	.	163
Week 3: Jul 20-26	164	-124	30	.	.	70
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Jul 6-12	0
Week 2: Jul 13-19	0
Week 3: Jul 20-26	0

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Understanding this Report

The weekly Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OCSAR) provides a snapshot of container availability for westbound transpacific trade lanes at select intermodal locations around the country. The data presented in this report are gathered from 5 member carriers in the Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (TSA). The TSA carriers include COSCO, Evergreen, Hanjin Shipping, Yang Ming Transport Corporation, and OOCL.

- The data are estimates of container availability per week by the participating carriers. The carriers determine container availability by comparing current supplies at each of the 18 intermodal locations with the demand for these containers based on up-to-date bookings or reservation information in the westbound transpacific trade lane.
- Each week, participating carriers report the estimated number of containers available for the current week (W1) as well as estimates for the subsequent 2 weeks (W2 and W3).
- Maps on pages 2–4 offer a national overview of weekly container availability. The weekly national data are derived from the sum of the individual carrier responses at each intermodal location.
- Individual carrier responses are presented by location on pages 6–23 and have been sorted from largest to smallest. To maintain carrier confidentiality, specific carrier identification is not provided.
- Carrier responses showing negative numbers, such as -29, should be interpreted as meaning that 29 containers are needed by shippers but the carrier is not able to supply them. A positive number, such as 64, would mean 64 containers are available that are not demanded. An indication of 0 means the carriers have the exact amount of containers needed based on current supply and demand estimates.
- Availability levels are subject to change, and may be affected by delays in return of equipment to carriers by shippers or consignees, and by free time restrictions imposed by railroads. Due to the dynamic nature of the container industry, carriers cannot be held responsible for the level of availability at the time of inquiry.
- Data presented in the report do not imply availability of chassis.
- Container availability estimates represent availability for all export cargo, not just agricultural products.
- USDA collects these data on a voluntary basis and cannot be held responsible for the status of container availability when a reader makes inquiry with an ocean carrier. USDA relies on the participating ocean carriers to ensure the data is accurate.
- Terminology:
 - 20ft Dry Container (20ft): A standard shipping container that is 20 feet long.
 - 40ft Dry Container (40ft): A standard shipping container that is 40 feet long.
 - 40ft High-Cube (HC): A shipping container which is 40 feet long and 9 feet, 6 inches tall (1 foot taller than a standard 40ft dry container).
 - 40ft reefer: A refrigerated shipping container which is 40 feet long.
 - 20ft reefer: A refrigerated shipping container which is 20 feet long.
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